Park Avenue Synagogue Bulletin

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Silberts Donate Series Of Shlomo Katz Seriographs

The congregation thanks Ramie and Jerry Silbert for their contribution of a limited edition of ten seriographs by the renowned Israeli artist Shlomo Katz in honor of the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Rabbi Judah Nadich.

The ten seriographs form a Passover Portfolio and include depictions of The Seder; Moses in the Basket; The Burning Bush; Let My People Go; Ten Plagues; The Exodus; The Ten Commandments; The Four Sons; Who Knows One...?; Next Year in Jerusalem.

The series is hung in the corridor outside the Rabbi's Study on the second floor of the new building. The mats for each of the prints are in themselves works of art, both complementing and enhancing the artist's vision.

Born in Lodz, Poland 50 years ago, Katz emigrated to Israel at the age of 8. His talent for drawing was apparent early, and as a young man he went to Paris to study art at the Ecole de Beaux Arts. He developed his own style of oil painting on a gilded metal surface, the result calling to mind medieval icons or oriental miniatures. The seriographs of the Passover Portfolio are similar in style to the technique he uses in his oil paintings.

The next time you are in the building, take the elevator to the second floor and view this original group of prints.

The Minyan Needs *YOU*

Every day, year round, the Daily Minyan meets at 5:45 p.m. in the Appleman Chapel. Conducted by Phil Swartz, the *minyan* is part of synagogue life, offering members and nonmembers the opportunity to pray on a daily basis or, when necessary, to recite the *kaddish*.

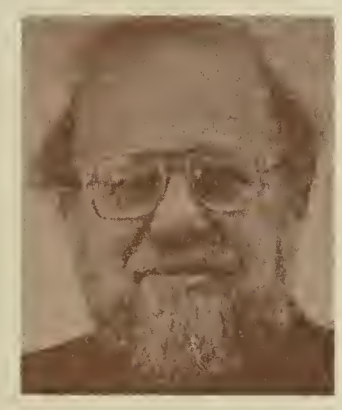
Become a minyanaire. The *minyan* needs us all – all the time – to make sure that there are ten men and women present every day. This is a *mitzvah* that every man and woman, over the age of 13, should consider a personal responsibility.

Do your part as often as you can. And remember: the Morning Minyan every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast served following the service.

A SPECIAL EVENT IN THE SHERR INSTITUTE

Lecture delivered by Professor Dov Noy
Tuesday, December 9, from 8-9:30 p.m.
on "Male & Female in Jewish Folklore"

Dr. Pinhas H. Peli Scholar-In-Residence At Shabbaton



Dr. Pinchas H. Peli

Dr. Pinhas H. Peli, a leader in the intellectual and religious life of Israel, will be the Scholar-In-Residence at the Park Avenue Synagogue Shabbaton, Friday, January 16 through Saturday, January 17, 1987.

Dr. Peli will deliver the Dorothy Tager Lectures at the Shabbaton, These lecturers are sponsored by the Dorothy Tager Education Fund, a living memorial to Dorothy Tager who was an active participant in the Adult Education Program at Park Avenue Synagogue.

The subject Dr. Peli will explore, "The Crisis of Jewish Unity", will focus on the religious life in Israel, its history and the variety of beliefs that separate Jews in the Jewish state. And then, using Israel as the prime example, he will discuss the unity of the Jewish people throughout the world.

Born in Jerusalem, Dr. Peli is well-known throughout the Jewish world as an author, poet, editor, scholar and lecturer. His latest two books are *On Repentance* and *Shabbat Shalom*. For many years he served as editor-in-chief of *PanimelPanim* (Face-to-Face), a Hebrew weekly of news and views, and he is now program editor for Israel radio and TV on Jewish themes and the writer of the weekly "Torah Today" column in the *Jerusalem Post*. He served as editor-in-chief of the *Encyclopaedia Judaica Year Book* and of the *Jerusalem Quarterly for Literature*. He is also on the editorial board of *Immanuel*, a publication of religious thought and research in Israel.

Dr. Peli is the Norbert Blechner Professor in Jewish Values at Ben-Gurion University. He has served as a visiting professor at Cornell, Brandeis, Yeshiva University, and the University of Notre Dame.

A Shabbaton is an intense experience in Jewish living within the context of traditional Shabbat

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Everyone Invited To Attend Hanukkah Party December 31

What are YOU doing Wednesday evening, December 31, the night we light the sixth Hanukkah candle? On that evening in celebration of Hanukkah, Park Avenue Synagogue is giving a PARTY and everyone is invited.

This is a party sure to please ALL ages – from 21 to 121 – and probably will be remembered as the party of the year! And as befits a festive occasion, black tie is optional. There will be dancing to the Hank Lane Orchestra, which can provide music of all description and request. There will be an open buffet all evening, featuring latkes PLUS all those delicious extras. There will also be an open bar all evening.

The party will begin at 9 p.m. with candle lighting taking place at about 9:30 p.m. After midnight, there will be a DISCO with an entertaining DJ.

Cost per person is only $50. For those coming only to the DISCO after midnight, the cost is only $18 per person.

Make your reservations quickly as space is limited, using the response card enclosed with your invitation.

Sisterhood Holds Luncheon Wednesday, December 10

There is still time, if you act today, to make your reservation to attend Sisterhood's Luncheon on Wednesday, December 10, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The purchase of one raffle book for $50 is your entry into what may be considered the highlight of the fall social calendar at the synagogue.

A memorable afternoon is planned with singer and Park Avenue Synagogue member, Gloria Shafer, entertaining. The raffle prizes are terrific; the ambience electric; the food excellent and the company warm and wonderful.

If you have not already done so, make your reservation today by calling the Synagogue Office, 369-2600.

RESERVE THE DATE

Sunday, May 17, 1987
The Dinner Dance
in honor of
Rabbi and Mrs. Judah Nadich
upon the completion of 30 years
of distinguished service to
Park Avenue Synagogue

PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE
Agudat Yesharim
50 East 87 Street
New York, N.Y. 10128
Synagogue Office: 369-2600
School Office before 9 A.M.: 831-8686
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Dr. Judah Nadich.....Rabbi
Dr. Harlan J. Wechsler.....Assoc. Rabbi
David Lefkowitz.....Cantor
Mark Kula.....Asst. Cantor
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Nathaniel H. Usdan.....President
Barrie Modlin.....Executive Director
Riverside Memorial Chapel
Funeral Directors

Joann Rosoff.....Editor

Who We Are

December is a month that poses more problems and more possibilities for Jews than most other months. Especially this year.

Rosh Hashanah was late, Sukkot late. All the holidays have come later than we remember for years. Hanukkah comes, accordingly, late: the first candle to be lit on December 26. December 26—enough said?

Catalogues have been arriving in the mail for months. The Thanksgiving Day Parade has just marched down Central Park West with a flourish, setting the tone for the season. The Hanukkah season?

There is no doubt that the month of December is celebrated by Christian Americans with great beauty and that the streets and the stores are something wonderful to behold. But one can look and appreciate and still go back home and say: "It is not mine. I have something else."

Light those Hanukkah candles—one more every night for eight days. Remember the miracles of ancient times and the miracles of our own day that have kept us as Jews.

Hanukkah should not be made a mirror of Christmas. Sing and give gifts in a distinctively Jewish way. Let us eat our own foods: *latkes* and donuts, the oil cooked foods that recall the miracles of old and that enable us all, especially the children, to taste that we are Jews.

Let us not be embarrassed to speak out for Hanukkah recognition, certainly at home, but also in the schools and the office, in banks and in hospitals, wherever there is public recognition of the season's festivals.

Let us be thankful that we have Hanukkah. Though December poses certain problems to us, Hanukkah miraculously provides us with their solution.

Happy Hanukkah to you all!

—*Harlan J. Wechsler*

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday evening, December 5 .....6:15 p.m.
Saturday morning, December 6 .....9:15 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Gary Eichenbaum
son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Eichenbaum

Friday evening, December 12 .....6:15 p.m.
PASSingles Service and Oneg Shabbat .....8:30 p.m.
Saturday morning, December 13 .....9:15 a.m.
Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Solin
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Solin

Friday evening, December 19 .....6:15 p.m.
Congregational Shabbat Dinner
by advance reservation only
Saturday morning, December 20 .....9:15 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Colbert Warfield
son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Warfield

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SHABBAT HANUKKAH
Friday night, December 26 .....8:30 p.m.
Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler will preach on
"THE BEST JEWISH BOOKS"
Oneg Shabbat follows
Saturday morning, December 27 .....9:15 a.m.
Rabbi Judah Nadich will teach

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Rabbis Judah Nadich and Harlan J. Wechsler will preach and conduct the services together with Cantors David Lefkowitz and Mark Kula and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

Babysitting available for children ages 18 months to 7 years every Saturday morning from 9:15 a.m. to 12 Noon on the Fifth Floor.

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As a convenience to the congregation

THE SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

will extend its hours of operation
prior to the holiday of Hanukkah

Monday, December 1 until Thursday, December 11, the GIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BEGINNING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 through FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, the GIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

Sunday, December 14 and 21
10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Friday, December 19 and 26
11 a.m.—3 p.m.

Monday—Thursday, December 15—18
and Monday—Wednesday, December 22—24
11 a.m.—5 p.m.

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The Gift Shop has everything you will need for Hanukkah. It has a fine selection of Menorahs of every type and style. It has gifts for all ages.

Shop the Gift Shop FIRST! Proceeds benefit the synagogue.

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Monthly Shabbat Dinner Friday, December 19

Following Friday night services, December 19, the congregation is happily invited to a traditional Friday night meal on the Lower Level.

These once a month dinners, held from October through March, combine all the right ingredients: tradition, ritual, singing, good company *and* a good dinner.

Space is limited and reservations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Treat yourself, but know that once experienced, these dinners can become habit forming!

Televised Selihot Service Doubles In Viewing Audience

The Park Avenue Synagogue Selihot Service, which was televised nationally by the ABC Network, almost doubled its viewing audience, the second time it was aired.

In 1985, the service commanded 23% of the ABC viewing audience. In 1986, the service commanded 43% of the ABC viewing audience. It was seen in 50 major cities, with more ABC affiliates asking for the program.

Synagogue Welcomed New Members At Gala Champagne Reception

At a gala champagne reception last month, the new members of Park Avenue Synagogue were warmly welcomed into the synagogue family.

A joyous welcome is extended to:

Dr. and Mrs. Joshua E. Adler.
Mrs. Lilyan Appell.
Dr. and Mrs. Martin Barandes.
Mr. Max Barandes.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bass.
Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Bennett.
Mr. and Mrs. Mordecai Braunstein.
Dr. and Mrs. Edward Brettholz.
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Brettholz.
Mr. Philip Cedar and Dr. Meryl Newman-Cedar.
Ms. Denise Chatman.
Ms. Carol Chavkin.
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Chavkin.
Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Chavkin.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chernick.
Dr. and Mrs. Paul Chernuchin.
Dr. and Mrs. Michael Chesner.
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Cohen.
Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Colvin.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Danas.
Mrs. Anita Dimendberg.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Donohue.
Ms. Lottie Edenburg.
Mr. and Mrs. Shepard Federgreen.
Ms. Jill Feinberg.
Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Flaum.
Mr. and Mrs. Jay Fleishman.
Mr. Philip Franzos.
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Friedman.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Friedman.
Mr. Victor Friedman and Ms. Victoria Schonfeld.
Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Fuchs.
Mr. Frederic H. Fruitman and Dr. Marlin S. Potash.
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Glass.
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Golan.
Mrs. Ruth Gold.
Mrs. Elizabeth Goldberg.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goldman.
Mr. and Mrs. John Golieb.
Mr. and Mrs. William L. Goodman.
Mr. Gerald Halpern.
Mrs. Fannie Harris.
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Heafitz.
Mrs. Rosalind Horwitz.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hurst.
Mr. and Mrs. Alan L. Jacobs.
Mr. Mark Jacobs and Dr. Ivy Engel.
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey S. Kahn.
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Katz.
Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Katz.
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey H. Katz.
Mrs. Sylvia Krimko.
Ms. Marjorie Leach.
Mr. and Mrs. Alan Leavitt.
Mr. Ralph Lerner and Ms. Judith Bresler.
Mr. Steven Levin.
Ms. Leslie Levison.
Ms. Esther Magid.
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Maginsky.
Ms. Renata L. Majer.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Malina.
Mr. and Mrs. Alan Manheimer.

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Sunday Breakfast Explores Christmas/Hanukkah Dilemma

Parents are invited to a Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, December 7 at 10 a.m. at which time Rabbi Wechsler will lead a discussion on "What Do I Tell My Child About Hanukkah and Christmas?"

Parents are often hard put to deal with the omnipresent allure of the Christmas commercialism that surrounds the Jewish community. This year the two holidays coincide on the calendar, the lighting of the first candle is on December 26.

Come and air your concerns. The breakfast is co-sponsored by the Sherr Institute and the Parents Association. Babysitting for young children will be provided by the High School students.

Lunch 'N' Study Meets Tuesday, December 9

Once a month for five months, Rabbi Wechsler meets in a mid-town location during the lunch hour with members of Park Avenue Synagogue and their invited guests and examines a work of Jewish scholarly interest.

This Fall the Book of Lamentations is under scrutiny. Tradition has it that the author of Lamentations is the Prophet Jeremiah. This book of the Bible describes in poetic detail the destruction of the First Temple and the Jewish response to that destruction.

The second meeting of Lunch 'N' Study will take place on Tuesday, December 9 from 12 Noon to 1:40 p.m. For the exact location, please call the Synagogue Office one week before the scheduled meeting.

Join The Book Discussion Group

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15,
from 8–9:15 p.m.

as they meet to discuss a contemporary Jewish book of distinctive interest.

Call Pat Davidson, 289-7771, evenings, to learn the name of the book under discussion.

Shabbaton

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observance. It begins Friday evening with services which are followed by a traditional Shabbat dinner, after which Dr. Peli will deliver the first of his lectures. Following Shabbat Services Saturday morning a Shabbat luncheon will be served after which Dr. Peli will once again speak. An afternoon study session precedes services which concludes with the beautiful Havdalah Service bringing the Shabbaton to a close – until next year.

Members of the congregation and their friends are cordially invited to participate in the Shabbaton. Information about the Shabbaton will be mailed to the congregation soon. Watch for your letter in the mail and make your reservation(s) quickly as space is limited. Hindy Kisch and Alan Levine are co-chairpersons for the Shabbaton.

Synagogue Endowment Fund To Benefit From Sale Of Stained Glass Windows

A limited number of stained glass window memorials is available in the sanctuary to members or families of members who wish to memorialize the name of a loved one.

Windows which have been dedicated recently are:

Benjamin Baumritter.
Ruth K. Cummings.
Nathan Cummings.
Edwin Davidson.
Isaac Liberman.
Ira Sollar.
Samuel Wimpfheimer.

Reservations for windows have been made recently in the name of:

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Milgrim.
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Silbert.
Mr. and Mrs. Abraham I. Sherr.

Several years ago, the Board of Trustees voted that the proceeds from the sale of stained glass window memorials directly benefit the newly established Endowment Fund for Park Avenue Synagogue.

If you are interested in learning more about this project, please call Barrie Modlin, 369-2600, during business hours.

Singles Events During December

Club 87, for young single Jewish men and women age 21-31, will hold its monthly Coffee House on Wednesday, December 10 at 7:15 p.m. on the Lower Level.

The Coffee House is a congenial, low keyed atmosphere for young men and women to meet and become acquainted.

Admission to the Coffee House is $6 per person and includes wine, soft drinks, and hearty refreshments. Tell that young person of your acquaintance about the Coffee House at Park Avenue Synagogue. It is the right place to meet.

Park Avenue Synagogue Singles (PASS), for Jewish men and women age 30-50, will hold its monthly Friday night Service and Oneg Shabbat on December 12 at 8:30 p.m.

They also invite those singles, members of the synagogue and community, to join them for a "Beginning of Winter Gathering" on Thursday evening, December 18.

All singles are welcome to join the congregation at the Hanukkah Party on Wednesday, December 31, beginning at 9 p.m. Open Buffet; Open Bar; Black Tie optional. Cost: $50 per person. After midnight, DISCO with open buffet and bar. Cost: $18 per person.

The MINYAN
needs
YOU

Happenings In The High School During the Month of December

The Park Avenue Synagogue High School is a learning community in which the faculty and students spend time together in an atmosphere of mutual caring and respect. Those parents who participated in the special programs with Arthur Kurzweil and Michael Monson helped complete the family circle. It is hoped that the number of parents participating in upcoming High School events will increase and that they will continue to inform the High School of convenient meeting times and topics of special interest to them. *Parents are encouraged to join the curriculum planning sessions.*

Tuesday, December 2, 8 p.m.
Parent-Faculty Curriculum Planning Session

Wednesday, December 3, 6:45-7:30 p.m.
Student-Faculty Curriculum Planning Session

Friday, December 5 – Sunday, December 7
RETREAT WEEKEND in High Falls, N. Y. Leaves the synagogue at 3:30 p.m. on Friday and returns to synagogue by 1 p.m. on Sunday. (See story below.)

Wednesday, December 10, 5-6 p.m.
Arthur Kurzweil, concluding session on genealogy

And on Sundays in the High School: breakfast is served!

Sunday, December 7, 9:40 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Classes in session

Sunday, December 14, 9:40 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Classes in session

Sunday, December 14, 7:30 p.m.
High School Summer Trip Presentation

MID-WINTER BREAK: Sunday, December 21 through Sunday, January 4.

High School Retreat Weekend Friday-Sunday, December 5-7

Here is a splendid opportunity for students currently enrolled in the High School, as well as for those who have been unable until now to make this commitment, to spend a weekend away at the High School Retreat, Friday-Sunday, December 5-7.

The opportunities for special extended time together with friends and for living together as a community away from the pressures of school and other responsibilities are too few. What is called for is this Retreat Weekend.

The Retreat site, in High Falls, N. Y., has ice skating and cross country skiing (snow and weather permitting), gym and ball field facilities. Movies and a havdalah-hot dog campfire, popcorn and a woodburning stove, good company – all contribute to a special time together.

Phone your reservation in to the High School Office, 369-2600, TODAY.

Notes From The Library

A special exhibit of books about Hanukkah for adults and children are on display in the Rothschild Library and are available for circulation.

New books – fiction and non-fiction – will be featured in an exhibit in the library in celebration of Jewish Book Month, November 27-December 27. These books, for adults and children, are also available for circulation.

Story reading for young children will take place in the library on Sunday, December 7 and 14, between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

The library will be closed from December 24 through January 4, re-opening on Monday, January 5 at 3 p.m.

New Books:

Abells, *The Children We Remember*
Courter, *Code Ezra*
D'Alpurge, *Winter in Jerusalem*
Gilbert, *Shcharansky*
Hazleton, *Jerusalem, Jerusalem*
Hentoff, *Boston Boy*
Kolatch, *The Complete Dictionary of English and Hebrew First Names*
Kugelmass, *The Miracle on Intervale Ave.*
Laqueur, *Breaking the Silence*
Levi, *The Monkey's Wrench*
Lifton, *The Nazi Doctors*
Lustig, *The Unloved: From the Diary of Pearl S.*
Plain, *The Golden Cup*
Vida, *Return From Darkness*

And, for children, Miriam Chaikin's newest book, *Sound The Shofar.*

Couples Club Holds Dinner Saturday Night, December 13

Members and prospective members of the Couples Club are invited to dinner at the home of Mark and Emily Penn on Saturday, December 13 at 8 p.m.

This evening is a splendid opportunity for couples to become acquainted with one another in a convivial setting.

There will be a nominal charge to help defray the costs of the evening.

For more information, please call the Penns, 722-5330, evenings.

BABYSITTERS AVAILABLE

A number of High Schoolers are on file in the High School Office as being available to babysit.

Teenagers interesting in babysitting may register with the High School Office.

New Members

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Mrs. Sadie Marcus.
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Markowitz.
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Marks.
Mr. Daniel Marks.
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Merins.
Mr. and Mrs. Bennet Model.
Mrs. Ann Nadler.
Mr. and Mrs. Lon Negrin.
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Oestreich.
Mr. Eric Ostrow.
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pilmar.
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Podhoretz.
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Pottash.
Ms. Lois Robbins.
Dr. and Mrs. Russell Rodewald.
Dr. Jesse Rosenthal and Dr. Robin Mitnick.
Mr. and Mrs. Chester Rothman.
Mrs. Debra Rotto.
Dr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Rudell.
Dr. and Mrs. Howard Rutman.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sanders.
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Schaffer.
Dr. and Mrs. Leonard S. Schleifer.
Dr. and Mrs. Michael Seiden.
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Shapiro.
Ms. Sara Sheldon.
Ms. Arlene Sherman.
Mrs. Shirley Sherman.
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Siegel.
Mr. and Mrs. David Silvers.
Mrs. Constance Simon.
Dr. and Mrs. Dennis G. Smetana.
Mr. Steven Springer and
Dr. Barbara R. Sandberg.
Mr. Walter and Dr. Sara Squire.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stadin.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stein.
Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Steinberg.
Mr. and Mrs. Harald Stock.
Mr. and Mrs. Len Sugarman.
Mrs. Adele Swarzman.
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Tanenbaum.
Mrs. Helen Trotzky.
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey D. Uffner.
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Waters.
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Weisman.
Mr. and Mrs. G. Martin Wexler.
Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Wiener.
Mr. and Mrs. John Wolff.
Mr. Willard Zeitz.

We Take Pride In:

Dr. Franklin Z. Davidson, who has been appointed to the Council of Overseers of UJA-Federation.

Hon. Lewis Friedman, who was re-elected Judge of the Civil Court.

Hon. Mark Alan Siegel, who was re-elected to his 7th term as Assemblyman from the 66th District of Manhattan to the New York State Assembly.

Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler, who was elected President of the Manhattan Region of the Rabbinical Assembly.

Hanukkah Time is Party Time!

Let us light the Sixth Candle together
and have FUN eating, drinking and dancing
on Wednesday, December 31, 1986, from 9 p.m.-2:30 a.m.

HOW TO CELEBRATE HANUKKAH

The holiday of Hanukkah is celebrated for *eight* days, beginning with the 25th day of the month of Kislev. This year Hanukkah begins on Friday night, December 26 and continues until sundown on Saturday, January 3.

On each of the eight nights we kindle the lights in the menorah, or *Hanukkiah*, to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Jews over the Syrian Greeks during the second century B.C.E. In the Talmud the Rabbis tell a story which symbolizes the victory on the battlefield. A small cruse of oil was found when the Temple was rededicated which miraculously lasted for eight days. Just as a small amount of oil cast a great deal of light, so did a few Jews stand against the many and the mighty in order to preserve their faith.

How are the Hanukkah lights kindled? A candelabrum is used – Note: the Sisterhood Gift Shop has many varied and beautiful menorahs for sale which are suitable for use on this joyous holiday! – which has places for eight lights, in addition to a place for a ninth light called the *shamash*. Generally wax candles are used, although some menorahs are made to be used with olive oil and a wick. On the first evening, the first candle is placed on the right side of the menorah. Then on each succeeding night, a candle is added to the left. The *shamash* is lit first and the proper blessings are said:

Barukh Atah Adonai Elohainu Melekh Ha-olam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Praised are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has made us holy through His commandments and who has commanded us to kindle the Hanukkah light.

Then,

Barukah Atah Adonai Elohainu Melekh Ha-olam, she-asah nisim la-avotainu ba-yamim ha-hem baz-man hazeh.

Praised are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who performed miracles for our ancestors in those days, at this time.

On the first night only, *Sheheheyanu* is added:

Barukh Atah Adonai Elohainu Melekh Ha-olam, sheheheyanu v'kee-y'manu v'hee-gee-anu lazman hazeh.

Praised are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us in life, sustained us and enabled us to reach this season.

and then the *shamash* is used to kindle that evening's lights. The kindling always starts on the left with the candle which has been added for the new day and continues by moving on to the right. On Friday night, the Shabbat candles are lit after the Hanukkah lights are kindled.

The menorah is often placed at a window, if practical, to give public recognition to God's deliverance of the Jews. Special attention should be paid to the children's involvement in kindling the lights. In many families more than one menorah is lit, the children lighting their own. Many customs have become identified with Hanukkah in addition to the kindling of the menorah, which greatly adds to the festivities. Parties – and everyone should come to the parties at the synagogue – with good food, singing, dancing and lighting of candles. *Latkes* (potato pancakes) are a traditional food, while is Israel, *sufganiyot* (doughnuts) have become a custom. Both are cooked in oil, one of the major symbols of Hanukkah. Children enjoy playing with the *dreidel* (a four sided top with four letters on it: *nun, gimel, heh* and *shin*). The letters on the dreidel are interpreted to mean *Nes Gadol Hayah Sham* – "a great miracle happened there".

And here in the United States, Hanukkah has become an occasion to exchange gifts, especially for the children. Be sure to take advantage of our wonderful Gift Shop which has suitable gifts for everyone on your Hanukkah gift list.

The Gift Shop will extend its hours to accommodate the congregation prior to Hanukkah: On Sunday, December 14 and 21, the Gift Shop will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Friday, December 19 and 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will be open usual hours, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, December 15-18 and Monday through Wednesday, December 22-24.

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and to their families:

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Cohen, upon the death of their son, Arthur Cohen.

To the family of the late **Florence English.**

To the family of the late **Grace Gilbert.**

Mr. Earl Kramer upon the death of his mother, Frances Kramer.

Mrs. Allyson Peress, upon the death of her sister, Lindsey Gaye Rothschild.

Mr. Robert Rubenfeld, upon the death of his wife, Dr. Nancy Schweitzer.

To the family of the late **Morris Tepper.**

Mr. Harvey Zuckerman, upon the death of his father, Rubin Zuckerman.

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For Further Information: Call (212) 369-2600

Parties For The Children In Celebration of Hanukkah

It wouldn't be Hanukkah without parties for the children and at Park Avenue Synagogue, TWO parties are to be held, one for the children of the Early Childhood Center and one for all the children of the congregation and Religious School, with parents and grandparents invited too.

On Sunday afternoon, December 14, from 2-4 p.m., Parents Association invites all the children of the congregation and school, with their parents and grandparents, to a party. There will be entertainment, singing and dancing, holiday refreshments – in other words, FUN!

During school, on Thursday, December 18, parents and grandparents of the children of the Early Childhood Center are invited to the Hanukkah festivities during school hours.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS for DECEMBER, 1986

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 1 p.m. **Beginners Hebrew** 3-6 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan** 8 p.m. Synagogue Hebrew	**2** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 1:30 p.m. **Retirees Club** 3-6 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan.** 8 p.m. **Parents & Children Torah: You Too Can Read**	**3** ROSH HODESH KISLEV 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 1 p.m. **Advanced Hebrew** 1:30 p.m. **The Tinok Center** 3:30-6:30 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan** 8 p.m. **Talmud:** Business Ethics	**4** 7:30 a.m. **Morning Minyan** Breakfast served 10:30 a.m. **Intermediate Hebrew II** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 1 p.m. **Intermediate Hebrew I** 3-6 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan** 8 p.m. **From Pushcart To Paradise**	**5** 6:15 p.m. **Friday Night Family Service** followed by dinner for Grade Gimel and Families Light Candles 4:09 p.m.	**6** 9:15 a.m. **Shabbat Service** Babysitting available on Fifth Floor **Bar Mitzvah Gary Eichenbaum** 5 p.m. **Mishneh Torah** study followed by **Service**
7 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Library Open** Story Reading for Young Children 10 a.m. **Sunday Breakfast** co-sponsored by Sherr Institute and Parents Association **Discussion: What Do I Tell My Child About Hanukkah and Christmas?** Babysitting provided by High School 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan**	**8** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 1 p.m. **Beginners Hebrew** 3-6 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan** 8 p.m. **Synagogue Hebrew**	**9** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 12 Noon **Sisterhood Board** Lunch 'N' Study 1:30 p.m **Retirees Club** 3-6 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan** 8 p.m. **Parents & Children Torah: You Too Can Read.** Male/Female in Jewish Folklore 8:15 p.m. **Men's Club Board**	**10** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 11 a.m. **Sisterhood Gala Luncheon** 1 p.m. **Advanced Hebrew** 3:30-6:30 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan** 7:15 p.m. **Club 87 Coffee House** 8 p.m. **Talmud:** Business Ethics	**11** 7:30 a.m. **Morning Minyan** Breakfast served 10:30 a.m. Intermediate Hebrew II 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 1 p.m. **Intermediate Hebrew I** 3-6 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan** 8 p.m. **From Pushcart to Paradise** **Ritual Committee**	**12** 6:15 p.m. **Friday Night Service** 8:30 p.m. **PASSingles Service** followed by **Oneg Shabbat** Light Candles 4:09 p.m.	**13** 9:15 a.m. **Shahbat Service** Babysitting available on Fifth Floor **Bat Mitzvah Sarah Solin** 5 p.m **Mishneh Torah** study followed by **Service** 8 p.m. **Couples Club Social** at home of Mark and Emily Penn
14 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Library Open** Story Reading for Young Children 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 2-4 p.m. **Hanukkah Party for children of congregation and Religious School and their parents and grandparents** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan**	**15** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 1 p.m. **Beginners Hebrew** 3-6 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan** 8 p.m. **Synagogue Hebrew** **Book Discussion Group** **School Board**	**16** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 1:30 p.m. **Retirees Club** 3-6 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan** 8 p.m. **Parents & Children Torah: You Too Can Read**	**17** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 1 p.m. **Advanced Hebrew** 3:30-6:30 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan** 7 p.m. **Planning Committee** 8 p.m. **Talmud:** Business Ethics	**18** **Hanukkah Party for children in Early Childhood Center and their parents and grandparents** 10:30 a.m. **Intermediate Hebrew II** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 1 p.m. **Intermediate Hebrew I** 3-6 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan** Evening **PASSingles Social** Beginning of Winter Gathering	**19** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 6:15 p.m. **Friday Night Service** followed by **Congregational Shabbat Dinner** by advance reservation only Light Candles 4:11 p.m.	**20** 9:15 a.m. **Shabbat Service** Babysitting available on Fifth Floor **Bar Mitzvah Colbert Warfield** 5 p.m. **Mishneh Torah** study followed by **Service**
21 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m **Library Open** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan**	**22** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 1 p.m. **Beginners Hebrew** 3-6 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan**	**23** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 1:30 p.m. Retirees Club 3-6 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan**	**24** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan**	**25** 7:30 a.m. **Morning Minyan** Breakfast served 5.45 p.m. **Daily Minyan**	**26** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** Last chance to buy Hanukkah Gifts! 8:30 p.m. **Friday Night Service** Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler will preach on "The Best Jewish Books" **Oneg Shabbat** Light FIRST HANUKKAH CANDLE Light Candles 4:15 p.m.	**27** SHABBAT HANUKKAH 9:15 a.m. **Shahbat Service** Babysitting available on Fifth Floor 5 p.m. **Mishneh Torah** study followed by **Service** Light SECOND HANUKKAH CANDLE
28 HANUKKAH: Second Day 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan** Light THIRD HANUKKAH CANDLE	**29** HANUKKAH: Third Day 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan** Light FOURTH HANUKKAH CANDLE	**30** HANUKKAH: Fourth Day 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan** Light FIFTH HANUKKAH CANDLE	**31** HANUKKAH Fifth Day 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan** 9 p.m.-2:30 a.m. **PARTY IN CELEBRATION OF HANUKKAH with DISCO after Midnight** Light SIXTH HANUKKAH CANDLE			

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